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1. The airfield at Graf Ignatiev is the largest in Bulgaria. The field is situated several kilometers northwest of the city and is marked as a forbidden area to all civilians. A curfew for the airfield and vicinity is in force at 10:00 p.m. daily. The field is situated on a flat plain, to the north of which are some small hills. The main runway is east-west with the prevailing wind of the area. Major repair and construction work was still continuing at this field as late as [redacted]. 25X1A

2. All labor at this site is done by the 401 Trudovak Battalion stationed here.

25X1A 3. The total complement in Air Force and Engineer technical personnel in the middle of [redacted] was 300 enlisted men.

4. The commanding officer of the 401 Trudovak Battalion is Captain Stefanov. The Company Commander of the 413 Company is Lt. Kotsev.

5. About thirty air craft are stationed at this field. Most of them are twin engine light-bomber types, some DC-3 types, and several single engine bi-planes for training.

6. Attached is a sketch of the Graf Ignatiev Airfield. The legend to the sketch is given below:

1. Headquarters building
2. Technical supply
3. Station supply
4. Officers mess
5. Hangar, 6 aircraft capacity
6. Hangar, used at present for building supplies
7. Hangar, 6 aircraft capacity
8. Hangar, 6 aircraft capacity
9. Hangar, 6 aircraft capacity
10. Hangar, 6 aircraft capacity
11. Gasoline and oil storage
12. Narrow gauge spur for equipment and fuel
13. Radio control tower
14. Trudovak Regiment, service and supply unit for airfield
15. Thirty hardstands all concrete construction

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16. Small, narrow gauge line for carrying sand and other building materials. Small diesel engine.
17. Enlisted men's mess (engineers)
18. Barbed wire fence
19. Second class highway
20. All concrete runway 80 meters wide.

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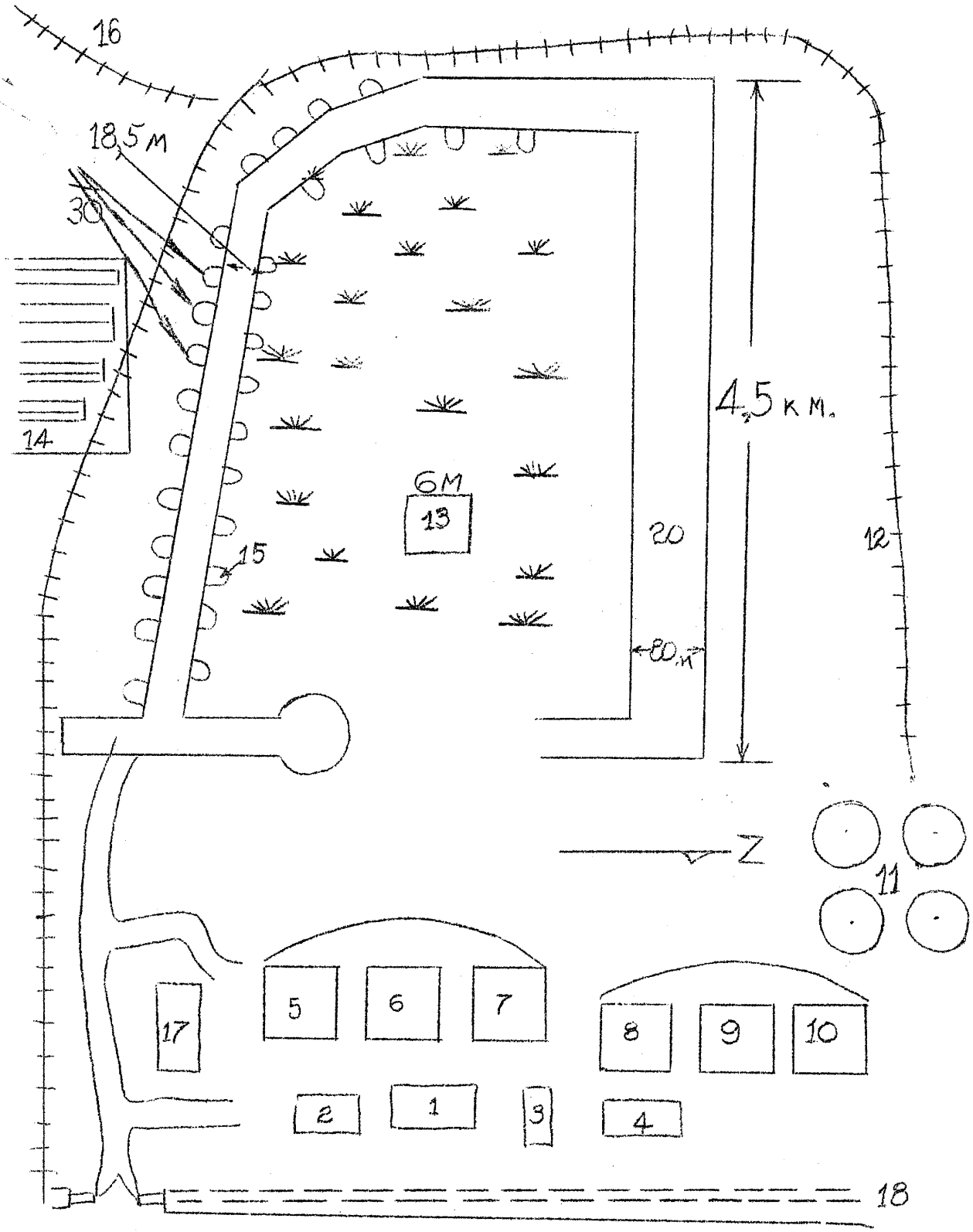

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